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Serial No. : 10/075,174 Group Art Unit: 3712

Filed: February 12, 2002 Examiner: Abdelwahed, Ali F.

For : COMPACT MOTION MECHANISM FOR AN ANIMATED DOLL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

- I, William Willett, declare as follows:
- 1. I am the named inventor of U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/075,174, filed February 12, 2002 and entitled COMPACT MOTION MECHANISM FOR AN ANIMATED DOLL.
- 2. I conceived of my invention in this country earlier than October 26, 2000, the filing date of the patent application underlying U.S. Patent No. 6,386,942 to Tang. My conception is demonstrated, in part, by my drawings of the compact motion mechanism attached as Exhibit A. I created those drawings earlier than October 26, 2000.

- 3. After conception, I acted diligently to reduce the invention to practice from a time earlier than October 26, 2000 to the filing of this application. My diligence is demonstrated, in part, by my filing on February 12, 2001 of a provisional application for the COMPACT MECHANISM FOR AN ANIMATED DOLL.
- 4. I declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. These statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code. I understand that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: 4/16/0

WILLIAM WILLETT

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